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Reply to Office Communication under 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Communication, mailed May 14, 2004, in reply, and solely to be responsive to the Examiner's requirement to elect a single disclosed multiple modulation system, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-4, 9-12 and 16-20, drawn to multiple inducible gene modulation systems comprising a first gene modulation system comprising a first ligand binding domain (LBD) comprising a C/EcR LBD comprising a V96T/N119F substitution mutation, a second ligand binding domain comprising a chimeric RXR; a DNA binding domain (DBD) comprising a GAL4 DBD, a transactivation domain (AD) comprising a VP16 AD, and a response element (RE) comprising a GAL4 RE; a second gene modulation system comprising a first LBD comprising a C/EcR ligand binding domain comprising a A110P/T52V substitution mutation, a second LBD comprising a chimeric RXR, a DBD comprising a LexA DBD, a response element comprising a LexA RE, and a VP16 transactivation domain (AD).

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